The terrorist violence in the States of J and K, Punjab and Assam continues to cause concern. In Punjab and J and K, it is actively aided and abetted by forces from across the border. In Assam, the United Liberation Front of Assam(ULFA) has become active after the installation of popular Government. The number of major items of arms and ammunitions recovered from the terrorists during the period in question is given in the Table below:—

Arms and ammunitions recovered from the terrorists during 1990 and 1991 (upto 30th June)— Major items only

	Assam	J & K		Punjab	
	From 1-4-90 to 26-8-91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Machineguns	8	87	46	71	45
Rifles/Guns	115	1240	841	1146	954
Pistol/Revolver	42	751	393	867	691
Hand grenade/Bomb	76	2600	683	444	264
Rockets/Rock. Launchers	..	575	178	147	93
Country-made Arms	97	..	..	..	..

Steps taken by the Government of Assam to arrest the deteriorating situation include (i) Gearing up of intelligence machinery, (ii) Intensification of Patrolling and (iii) Security to vulnerable persons. Steps taken in Kashmir include identification of vulnerable pockets, deployment of security forces in affected pockets, intensifying night-patrolling, raids on hide-outs of terrorists, action against middlemen, etc. In Punjab, steps to provide increased security to threatened persons protection to railways, banks, buses, newspaper offices and other vulnerable points have been taken. Special police pickets in sensitive villages have been established, strength of para-military forces places at the disposal of the State have been increased. The steps taken to improve the security scenario as detailed above also cover the security of visitors to these States.

Kidnappings in Kashmir Valley

83. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of civilians/VIPs kidnapped in the Kashmir Valley during 1989, 1990 and 1991 till date;

(b) the names of militants set free there in exchange of the kidnapped civilians/ VIPs; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check kidnappings in the Valley ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c)

15 terrorists were set free in exchange of kidnapped civilians/VIPs in J and K and their names are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

2. The scheme to check kidnappings in the Valley is part of the overall effort of the Administration to deal with terrorists and bring back normalcy in the Valley for which, a number of Administrative steps have already been taken.

3. Information relating to civlians/ VIPs kidnapped in Kashmir Valley during the years 1989, 1990 and 1991 till date is awaited from the Govt. of J & K.

Statement

List of Militants Released in Exchange of Kidnapping

(i) Abdul Hamid Sheikh (ii) Shair Khan (iii) Javed Ahmed Zargar (iv) Noor Mohd. Kalwal (v) Mohd. Alaf Butt	.. Released in exchange of .. Dr. Rubiya Sayeed. ..
(vi) Mushtaq Ahmed Khan of Anantnag	Released in exchange of Nahida Imtiaz.
(vii) Mohd. Ayub Khan of Srinagar (viii) Javed Ahmed Beg of Srinagar (ix) Khurshid Ahmed Beg of Srinagar (x) Javed Ahmed Shalla Vice President of IUM. (xi) Altaf Khan, Publicity Chief, IUM (xii) Ghulam Mohd Mir, Area Commdr., Baramullah (xiii) Mohd. Altaf Bhat Gr. Commdr. Gazigund (xiv) Mohd. Ashraf Wava (xv) Pir Zulfar Ahmed r/o Nawgam	.. .. .. Released in exchange of haK. Doraiswamy. .. ..

Registration fees received from foreign Nationals

84. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money received by Government as registration fee from foreign nationals during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(b) if no fee has been received, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) No separate fee has been prescribed for registration of foreign nationals under the law.

Revision of scales of pay of J.Es

85. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have revised the scales of J.Es without any training or consideration of their basic qualifications; and

(b) if so, why the same criteria is not applied to technicians?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Qestion does not arise.

Revision of pay scales of technicians

86. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to revise the pay scales of Technicians as their recruitment qualification is changed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and